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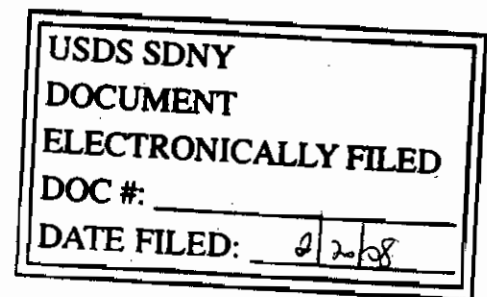
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February 20, 2008

**VIA FACSIMILE (212) 805-6326**

Hon. Colleen McMahon  
 US District Court Judge  
 Southern District of New York  
 United States Courthouse  
 500 Pearl Street  
 New York, NY 10007

**Re: USA v. Sergie Samsonov, 07 Cr. 1198 (CM)**

Dear Judge McMahon:

I am writing with the consent of AUSA Jonathan New and Pretrial Services Officer Dennis Khilkevich to allow Mr. Samsonov to attend a footwear convention in Las Vegas leaving tomorrow morning and returning to New York Sunday morning. Mr. Samsonov has recently taken a commission job with a company, Victory Grand Development, to become the exclusive distributor of footwear to Russia.

I have attached a copy of Mr. Samsonov's round trip tickets. Mr. Samsonov will be staying at the Venetian Hotel.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

  
 Michael F. Bachner

cc: AUSA Jonathan New  
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SO ORDERED:

 2/20/08  
 Hon. Colleen McMahon